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Nursing Home Dream Gradually Becomes A Reality

In late summer of 1981, NCC took the first step towards the development of an Extended Health Care/Medical Day Care Facility. Now, after two and one-half years of hard work, struggle and a lot of help from many friends, that facility is under construction. In September of 1985, NCC will open the doors to 180 long-term care patients and 60 medical day care clients. Long-term care patients will be comfortably housed in the 12 single rooms and 84

double rooms provided by the facility.

Late March and early April proved to be very hectic. On March 26th, New Community, the N.J. Health Care Facilities Financing Authority (HCFFA) and E.F. Hutton and Company, Inc. signed the bond purchase agreement.

Several hundred NCC residents attended the Municipal Council meeting on April 4th to express support for Council acceptance of the UDAG agreements which were

unanimously approved. On the same day, the closing on the city-owned land was accomplished at the offices of the Real Estate Commission.

On April 10th, the Municipal Council unanimously approved the tax abatement agreement.

Finally, the UDAG closing, the HUD-FHA mortgage insurance clos-

ing and the HCFFA bond closing all took place on April 12th at HUD offices in Newark.

Now the Ricciardi Construction Co. Inc. is busily at work turning a community dream into the bricks and mortar and steel which will soon provide the setting for the loving care which our elderly neighbors deserve.

ARTHUR L. WILSON— A MAN OF MANY HATS

When Arthur Wilson left his hometown of Tampa, Florida 21 years ago, for Newark, it was on an errand of mercy — that of caring for his father who was ill. Little did he realize that circumstances would ensnare him and catapult him into a leadership role in his new community.

Today he is not only principal of St. Rose of Lima School — a private urban alternative school in Newark — but he also carries a civic responsibility as president of the board of New Community Corporation. Rounding out his life, is active participation in the St. Rose of Lima parish activities.

Equipped with a high school and junior college degree upon his arrival here, Art finished his education credits at the former Newark State College (now known as Kean College), and proceeded to Seton Hall University in South Orange for a master's degree in Education, Administration and Supervision.

While at Newark State he came across the motto which has never ceased to challenge him — "He who dares to teach must never cease to learn."

As principal of St. Rose of Lima School since 1975, he has struggled to meet that challenge, continually updating. Learning today has taken him into the electronic age with the arrival of two Apple IIe computers at St. Rose. He feels electronics must work hand in hand with the basic skills of communication: reading and writing. Assignments for the latter Mr. Wilson finds, can only be done in school and he has set up a special program for this, for there are too many outside interests today in the homes. Parents are not always there after school. He cannot leave it to chance. A few years ago, evaluation of his math department pointed out a

weakness in basic algebra as students stepped up to high school level. A special basic algebra course was consequently added to the curriculum, as well as a program in biological sciences, so that those completing their studies at St. Rose could compete on an equal level with the other graduates from public or private schools. St. Rose graduates presently divide equally between the two.



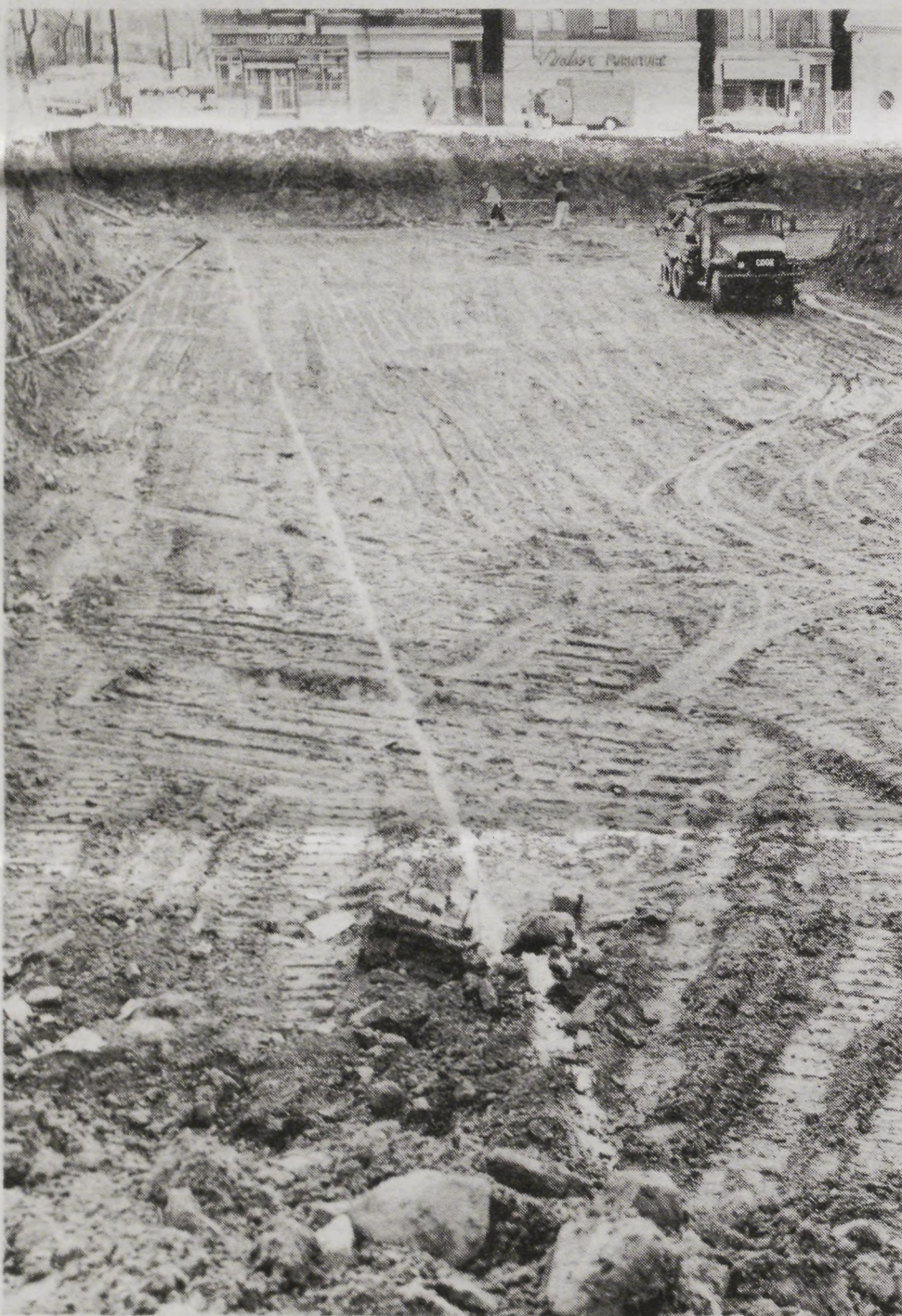
Arthur L. Wilson

Critical evaluation at the school is a duty seriously attended to for education is the most powerful tool available to snap the cycle of poverty in urban areas.

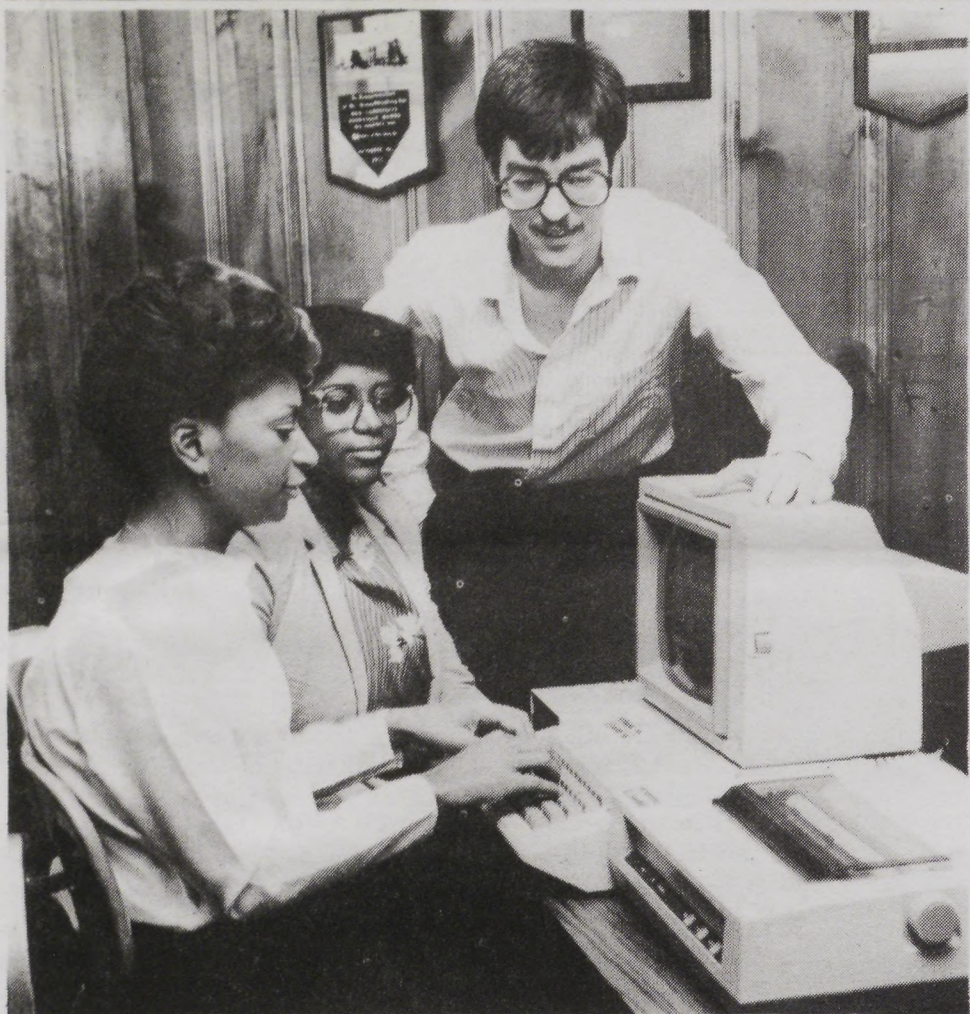
Good role models are important too he feels. Art's was a grammar school teacher who "adopted" him in sixth grade and went on to suggest the possibility of a teaching career, as the light of his potential began to make itself visible to others.

To keep the quality of education high requires money, Mr. Wilson

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ALL LINED UP AND READY TO GO. Excavation for new nursing home viewed in comparison to truck and workmen gives some idea of potential size of facility.



CLARION MAILING LIST GOES ON COMPUTER. New Community secretaries Georgella Wyne and JoAnn Koon-Edwards, under the direction of James F. Rohrman, Systems Design Manager, start the Clarion mailing list into a computer.

NCC Computer Gets First Assignment

Each month shortly after the Clarion mailing, requests come in from people who have been newly introduced to our newspaper, asking that we add them to our mailing list.

We are pleased that so many are benefiting from our publication after slightly more than one short year of existence. Keeping the list updated however, had become a major task, as it numbers 1100 at this writing, out of a total circulation of five thousand.

Then, along came our computer program, and one of the first tasks assigned to the mechanical whiz has been storing the list for the Clarion.

Georgella Wynne and JoAnn Koon-Edwards recently entered the Clarion names on the computer disc using a data base manager and now with a simple push of a button the entire list will be at hand for the mailing.

Progress is wonderful!

THE NEW COMMUNITY CLARION

The N.C. Clarion is published the first week of each month as a community service. The Editor reserves the right to withhold articles and photographs once they are submitted. Opinions expressed in columns are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the views of the newspaper. Articles are appreciated by any and all concerned.

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Summer Enrichment Program Planned

In order to adapt to today's living, with its high technology component both in business and in the home, new skills are needed.

Hoping to introduce these skills at an early childhood level, to lessen the anxiety they can provoke, Babyland will weave them into their program for summer enrichment. Knowledge of these skills will then allow the persons using them to command the environment in which they live.

Although varying widely in age, background, and learning experience, the motivation brought by the youngsters to the program will help them to acquire the basic skills missed either in previous educational or environmental exposure.

Skills most needed in today's environment such as computer, math and languages will be stressed. Backing these up will be studies in verbal and written communication.

Academics will fill the morning each day while outdoor activities will be planned for the afternoons to provide a balance.

The program is designed for children ages 5 to 13 and will run from June 25th through August 31st. Hours will be from 8:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. Lunch will be included each day as well as a morning and afternoon snack.

Tuition is \$30.00 per child per week and registration closes on May 31, 1984.

For information call Phyllis C. Rogers at 375-3143.

New Recertification Specialist Chosen

Ethel McCollough has become the recertification specialist in our New Community management office.

Her duties include reviewing each family in NCC Housing once a year (prior to anniversary of move-in-date) to verify the status of that family. Income must be checked, employment certified and number of persons in each apartment, by age, validated, according to New Jersey Housing Finance Agency rules.

Employment verification forms are mailed to employees for signature.

After the yearly updated information is authenticated, forms are mailed to Trenton where any changes are noted. Any increase or decrease in income resulting in a change of rental payment is reported to building managers, and when needed, proper paperwork submitted to insure accurate rental payment. Managers then advise the tenants of any changes.

Originally from Daytona Beach, Florida, Ethel came to New Jersey in 1964. she is a graduate of Drakes College of Business and completed their certificate program in secretarial studies and business machines in 1967.

Employed by New Community as a secretary for 2½ years, Ethel's previous work experience included 10 years with Seton Hall University's Educational Opportunity Program. In

1974 she received a plaque from the University honoring her for outstanding services rendered to the students and administrators. In 1982 Ethel was also nominated for the Outstanding Young Women of the United States of America publication. She is an active member of the Zion Hill Baptist Church of Newark.

Her high school years found her developing an interest in working



ETHEL MCCOLLOUGH

with people and caused her to select a career requiring communication skills. She is a firm believer that communication among people is the foundation of our society and its fruitfulness, and enjoys working with people from all social, economic and racial backgrounds.

Teamwork Does It!

The development of the Extended Health Care/Medical Day Care Facility required an enormous development team effort. Here is a list of the principal players:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (Newark Area Office)

Thomas O'Connell, Esquire, Chief Counsel
James J. Loftus, Director of Housing

New Jersey Health Care Facilities Financing Authority

Charles F. Pierce, Jr., Executive Director
Michael R. Irwin, Director of Operations

Newark Economic Development Corporation

Alfred L. Faiella, Executive Director
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Suburban Mortgage Associates, Inc. (Mortgage Banker)

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Susana S. Araoz

Kraft and Hughes (NCC Bond Counsel)

Jerome St. John, Esquire
Claudia J. Keefe, Esquire

McCarter and English (NCC General Counsel)

Steven B. Hoskins, Esquire

Shanley and Fisher (Bond Counsel)

James H. Freis, Esquire
Lydia C. Stefanowicz, Esquire

Krooth and Altman (Special FHA Counsel)

Michael E. Mazer, Esquire
Fe Morales Marks, Esquire

Touche Ross and Company (Financial Consultant)

Douglas Newton

United Jersey Bank (Trustee)

John Workstus

Ricciardi Construction Co. Inc. (General Contractor)

Anthony Ricciardi
Rudolph Ricciardi

Man of Many Hats

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pointed out, and this is a particularly difficult part of his job. As principal he is aware of the cost of modern equipment and materials, and at St. Rose every bit of this is earned by school efforts. No public funds are received by the school. Tuition is charged but does not cover the actual cost per capita of educating each child. Parents are allowed to "work off" part of the tuition by their involvement in fund raising efforts, such as weekly bingo games. They join the team in charge once a month as well as participating in other fund raising such as the annual Chinese Auction. It is not an easy task for them as they all handle full time jobs and many are struggling single parents. But their own experience has highlighted the advantages of a superior education in today's competitive world and most give it priority knowing the consequences of complacency.

Art believes in providing a well disciplined and orderly environment for the students, to maximize learning opportunities. Personal attention is given to any problems the student may have such as a history of not meeting with academic success in a former school. Parents who bring their children to St. Rose know of the school's dedication to Christian values, he explained. They also know that St. Rose will not abandon their child but will work with them and with their problems.

The school enjoys a strategic location in relation to the City of Newark, situated as it is in Roseville and close to Route 280. It is the only alternative school in the area surrounding Roseville, and is in close proximity to East Orange from whence it draws some of its students. It also is convenient for parents working in the area even though they may live some distance away, providing as it does an after-school program, from 2:45 to 6 p.m., at a reasonable cost. The program, supervised by Mr. Wilson and enjoyed by about 40 children, provides each participant with a snack, tutoring with homework, and recreation each day.

Mr. Wilson would like to see more of the actual parish neighborhood children using the school. Many come for the sacraments programs but do not take advantage of the school. He

realizes tuition is a large part of the problem. Conversely, each year he finds a few of the families who have brought their children to St. Rose of Lima School, deciding to join the parish.

When asked about his own feelings concerning his job as principal, Mr. Wilson told me with sincerity, "There has not been a day that I didn't want to come to work." He admitted with a laugh that there had been a few trying days, however.

Art's dedication is not limited to his job as school principal. It touches a large area of the state, for in 1977 he also became president of New Community Corporation, one of the largest non-profit housing developers in New Jersey, and a member of its board of directors.

This started out as a rather limited role, initially, but as the corporation grew (it now has over 58 million dollars worth of housing in its care) so did the duties of the president. In the last 2 or 3 years with the building of Babyland III, the acquisition of Douglass-Harrison, and the planning for St. Joseph Plaza and the new Extended Care Facility, he found the rapid growth required a whole new outlook on the part of each board member.

The little position formerly held was transformed by the volume of responsibility facing them, into a full-fledged executive situation. They were forced to think in terms of a corporation fully grown to maturity. Art emphasized the fact that the board president does not act alone but has the input of all board members and other advisors to whom he can turn for consultation. They are but a phone call away.

The response and support from the business community and from the state and other government agencies with whom New Community works, has been most positive, he felt, and he has enjoyed his involvement and found it very exciting, despite the hectic pace it sometimes sets for him.

Art lives in the community, is an active parishioner of St. Rose of Lima and one of its trustees.

He feels that if he had not become involved with New Community he would have returned home to Tampa after his father's need for him came to an end. Having made the decision

to stay Art has enjoyed the independence the move from Florida has provided. As the youngest of one brother and three sisters, everyone was always looking out for him. Now, however, they are no longer trying to get him to return to Tampa. His family is quite proud of his accomplishments in Newark.

The conversation turned again to the school. Many old parishioners visit St. Rose School, he went on, and are glad to know the school is still standing. They walk through its halls, surprised but pleased with what they see.

"At one point in its life," he told me, "the parish had to adapt to change.

It had to realize, yes we are a Catholic school, but put on another coat and become an alternative school."

There were those who had given up on the neighborhood, Mr. Wilson went on. For those, the renewed activity at the school, and the new building across the street (NC Manor Seniors) are signs of Spring, so to speak, in the life cycle of Roseville.

Our visit ended on a thoughtful note. "When we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the parish in 1988 we will have come even further, he said with conviction. We really have something positive to look forward to."



Principal Wilson acts out part of chieftain in St. Rose of Lima school play.



Arthur L. Wilson as president of New Community Corporation participates in social activities of NC Douglas.

This announcement appears as a matter of record only.

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At Your (Social) Service

By Gerry Gannon, Director of Social Services

Youth Council Heads South

After months of planning and fund raising 29 youngsters took off from Newark Airport on Easter Sunday night bound for Norfolk, Virginia. Under the solicitous care of Paul Reid and Sheila Washington, the Coordinator and Associate Coordinator of NCC Youth Services and Georgia Ransome, the Coordinator of the Neighborhood Anti-Crime Program, the group planned to spend six full days traveling through Virginia and Washington.

The trip included the following sites, Bush Gardens, in Williamsburg, the Norfolk Naval base, a one day tour of Washington, D.C. Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia, the Chrysler Museum, and a tour of the Norfolk Harbor aboard the "Carrie-B", an exact replica of a nineteenth century Mississippi River Boat.

In the June issue of the Clarion, we are planning to feature a pictorial review of all the exciting events that took place on the trip.

Festival 84, Promises More!

For many, the first signs of Spring mean flowers, warm weather, the Cherry Blossoms at Branchbrook Park and a new baseball season. For the people of New Community, it also means the NCC Festival.

This year, Festival '84 will mark the 4th year that New Community has celebrated the festival. As in past years, a number of exciting events are planned. Beginning on Friday June 8th we will have the now traditional "Music Under the Stars" featuring a live band. This year it will be preceded by a Fish Fry at NC Associates and followed by an Oldies But Goodies dance.

The parade will kick off at 12 noon led by the marching band from Barringer High School. We are hoping to have at least one, and possibly two, other marching bands in the parade.



BECAUSE THEY CARE. Interested NCC residents attend Newark Council meeting to listen to discussion of UDAG grant for nursing home.

This year in place of the usual track meet, which will be held later in the summer, we are planning a gala Break Dancing Contest open to all tenants. Also included will be a non-stop volley ball game, a basketball game and double dutch contest.

The first of two large planning meetings is scheduled for Wednesday evening, May 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the NC Gardens Family Pavillion, 220 Bruce Street. All are invited to attend and be involved in the planning of the Festival.

Seniors Activities Abound

The Senior Programs have for the most part been operating very smoothly. Last month's Speakers bureau included representatives from the "Neighborhood Consumer Services," who sponsored a series of consumer education workshops dealing with a wide variety of informative topics which were primarily geared towards the needs of our residents.

Representatives from the New Jersey Bell program provided our residents with needed information regarding the different changes that have recently occurred within their system (i.e., the delineation of responsibilities of each component, N.J. Bell and AT&T). Other guest speakers have included those from the Newark Police Department who gave our residents helpful information and tips on ways in which they can prevent themselves from becoming victims of crimes such as muggings, robberies and the like. The talks were supported by an excellent film entitled "Senior Power." Residents in attendance received a whistle that could be

used as a deterrent to harassing and obscene phone calls.

Future programs include speakers from the Center for Environmental Studies as well as students from the University Dental School who will be discussing eligibility requirements for FREE DENTURES (Seniors Only).

With the June primaries just around the corner, the NCC Social Services staff will be providing training in the area of voter education. The residents of the senior buildings will be instructed on the proper uses of the voting machine, as well as other important election information about which they should be knowledgeable.

With the advent of Spring, many of our residents were able to take a trip to Branch Brook Park to see the lovely display of Cherry Blossoms, which have become one of North Jersey's top Spring attractions. Our residents were also able to go to the local shopping malls, which was quite a convenience, particularly for those who do not have transportation, and

would otherwise be unable to go.

Upcoming events include the **Cathedral concerts on Sunday, May 6, and May 13, 1984 (Tickets are FREE).** These concerts will take place at **Newark's Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge Street, Newark.** Also, on Saturday, May 19, 1984, Senior citizens will be admitted to the **Governor's Concert** free of charge. This affair will take place at the **Garden State Arts Center.** Time will be from **2-5 P.M.** A trip to Club Bene for a lovely dinner and show is being planned for sometime in June. For further information regarding any of the programs listed above please contact the assigned Social Workers of your respective building or you may call Gloria Newsome at 623-6114.

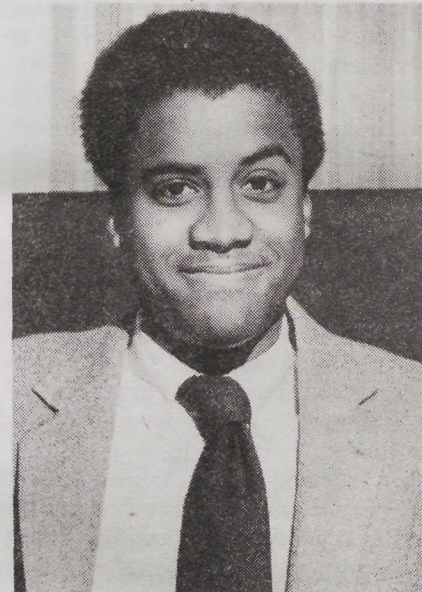


New Manager at Douglass-Harrison

Taking charge of the management task at Douglass-Harrison as of March is Mr. Patrick Richards.

Mr. Richards previously managed NC Homes and finds many similarities between the two.

When Douglass-Harrison was built in the early 1930's it was a model for



Patrick Richards

private capital being used to develop low-rent housing in Newark. NC Homes was also a model, both architecturally as low-rise apartments for families, and because it was by a non-profit corporation sponsor (NCC) working with federal funds. Since its construction in 1973 it has also been favored by many because of the unusual feature of actual input into its design by local residents. Pat referred to it as the "most loved building, to be treasured and taken care of."

Similarly, the Prudential Insurance Company paid very special attention to the new residents of Douglass-Harrison when it was built as well, even to the point of placing each apartment dweller's name on his screens as they were taken down each fall so they could be replaced exactly in the spring, even though there were 753 apartments.

A recent graduate of Hobart College, Pat considers his time managing Homes as good training, helping him to learn about the corporation, and what they are trying to achieve in housing. He can now apply the same standards to Douglass-Harrison.

Mr. Richards has found the tenants at Douglass-Harrison most responsive and willing to work with NCC to get the problems solved. Upkeep and maintenance he finds are most important because of the age of the building. Each day he receives phone calls from residents to talk about the various problems.

He feels that with management and maintenance cooperation plus tenant input, some time and effort from all parties will within a short span of time allow Douglass-Harrison to evolve to the quality of the rest of NCC housing.

He reported a very favorable response to the new security staff. Since they have been visible, people, especially seniors, have felt much safer.

As for the future, Mr. Richards feels the changes NCC plans to implement will also be seen in a favorable way.

NC MANOR SENIORS

Talented Residents Discovered

NC Manor is bursting with talent. A poet and self-made inventor of home products lives on the fifth floor. Elsewhere in the building dwells a gifted artist.

Ms. Catherine Booker Crews, has



Catherine Booker Crews

received certificates for food preparation from Middlesex County High School in Woodbridge. She has also used her spare time to create soap, make-up and various other mixtures using household items. In addition she writes poetry. Below is one of her poems which has a lot of meaning relevant to today.

Ms. Crews, always wanted to be a writer and hopes some day to commit to paper her autobiography. She

began to concentrate on writing songs and poems after her release from the hospital following a stroke which left her without the use of her left arm. Instead of acting as a deterrent this just gave her an additional inspiration to write.

Human Dignity

Human Dignity is a big word.
It means lots of things.
I must pause, and say it means;
Love, Caring, Pride,
Understanding, Wisdom and Knowledge.

To explain this still further
You must love your fellowman as thyself.
If you stop and think, you can see
Something of him in you.

Sharing is important.
Give and you shall receive.
Be aware of yourself
Look at you very good.
Then listen to yourself.
I heard that honesty is the best policy.
There are curves in this road.
So follow the sign that says Human Dignity.

By

Catherine Booker Crews

"Age is not a time of life — but a state of mind."

Youth is not a matter of red cheeks and supple knees, but a temper of the will — a quality of the imagination — a vigor of the emotions — a freshness of the deep spring of life. Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years: people grow old by deserting their ideals. Whether seventy or seven, there is in every being's heart the love of wonder: the sweet amazement of the stars and star-like things and thoughts: the undaunted challenge of events: the unfailing appetite for "what next"; and the joy of the game of life."

William Wordsworth



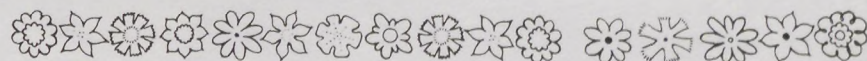
A HAPPY ARTIST. Surrounded by his works, a smiling William Edwards expresses his delight with his creations.

Manor's store of talent does not stop at poets. In our midst is an extremely skilled artist — Mr. William Edwards. His apartment holds legends on canvas. Art has always been in his blood, and his desire to create and express himself is evident in all his paintings. A self-taught artist, he uses the primary colors to create a masterpiece beyond words. He was enrolled in a mini-course at Rutgers Newark in 1981, as part of a Satur-

day workshop co-sponsored by Newark Community School for the Arts.

His work won 1st Place in a contest run by the Suburban Artists Guild in 1977. Unfortunately the piece which won him this ribbon was stolen some time ago. Undaunted he pressed on, continuing to create more beautiful works to the present day.

Joyce Holmes



Sewing Enjoyed at NC Gardens Towers



A MODEL SEWING CLASS. Seated around table ready to start designing and cutting out a dress pattern are Ms. Glennie Bethea, Ms. Mildred Irving, Ms. Marie Thomas, Ms. Allie Mae Arnold, Ms. Ruby Ray and Ms. Alma Williams. Standing in rear, Ms. Alice Stephenson.

Every Tuesday in the Community Room you can see our ladies going to work at some project. We have learned how to read a pattern, pick out the right material, measure, lay out and cut a pattern, and finally, assemble these into a finished article. You do not have to make a dress or suit, maybe you would like to make a simple apron, or do some mending. All are welcome! Come, See.

The Anti-Crime Corner

Planning for the Neighborhood Anti-Crime Self-Help Program has succeeded in gathering together forty-eight Douglass-Harrison residents to spearhead the plan. They will be broken down to cover two areas of concern.

One of the most important facets of the plan will involve the use of the home bound. Their eyes will become the eyes of the community, as they are trained to be alert to the activities of the neighborhood which are visible from their strategically located apartments.

They will be joined by other more mobile tenants who will be supplied with whistles and direct lines to security via walkie talkies, supplementing coverage and adding personal knowledge of who should belong in the neighborhood, thus sifting out strangers for further perusal.

Workshops for residents on what not to do, thereby reducing opportunities for criminal activity are also being planned.

A series of committees to set up the various programs will be formed.

SPRING

Come to the Show!



READY FOR FASHION SHOW. Barbara Holloman and Joyce Holmes have their pictures taken by Ethel Clark as they prepare for the Spring Fashion Show to be held on May 6th.

It's almost show time and the atmosphere at NC Manor is building up for their up-and-coming Spring Fashion Show. There is a great line-up of fabulous looks and fresh talent. The show is sure to please all ages. The models are looking forward to putting on a show that will let all know Spring is here.

Refreshments will be served to all attending.

Come out and have some fun!

Where: NCC Manor in the Community Room

When: Sunday, May 6, 1984 at 5:00 p.m.

How Much: Donation only 99¢!

Commons Seniors

140 Club

On April 2nd, the 140 Club re-elected its officers to serve for the year 1984-85. Installation of these officers will take place on May 7th, at 6:00 p.m.

Exercise Class

Ms. Rivers, Executive Instructor, will be meeting her class three (3) times a week, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. Men are welcome to come and participate in the Health Body Hour. The classes are held in the Community Room.

Crochet Class

Ms. Louise Walker, Instructor, wishes to inform all tenants of 140 that crochet classes for beginners, are held each Wednesday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room. If you ever wanted to learn to do some of those beautiful pieces, now is the time.

140 Gospel Choir 2nd Anniversary

On May 18th at 7:00 p.m., the choir

will celebrate its 2nd Anniversary.

Ms. Zera Brown, Director, invites all residents of NCC and friends to come and enjoy an evening of delightful music. Many guest singers will be participating.

Ruby Dawson

The Douglas

Lillian Gale, Grace Chambers and Mary Davis volunteered their services at the Federal building to sell daffodils for the Cancer Foundation recently. Thank you for representing the Douglas for such a worthy cause.

This is an open letter to all the new Tenants:

We welcome you to the Douglas. We sincerely hope that you will find love and friendship here. We like to feel that we are family. We invite you to join any or all of the various clubs and to join in the many activities. Please feel free to offer any new ideas or suggestions.

We wish you much happiness in your new home.

Alma Hanks

St. Rose Chinese



Auction Draws Full House



Long hours of dedicated effort drew a crowd of over 850 people to Roselle Catholic High School on Saturday April 28th for an evening of fun and fund raising for St. Rose of Lima School.

Preceded by a cocktail hour, guests enjoyed a delicious hot and cold buffet dinner catering to the variety of people participating.

Hot dishes ranged from freshly made kielbasi and sauerkraut to barbecued or fried chicken, pepper steak and stuffed shells. The cold menu included a variety of cold meats, a tasty macaroni salad and crisp green salad, to name a few. All were prepared for the fun-filled event by the Babyland food service employees graduates of the New School Culinary Arts Program at the New York Restaurant School in New York City (Clarion, December 1983).

In between dancing times, guests mused over the forty beautiful prizes

which were to be auctioned off, placing their tickets in the numbered containers representing each prize as they made their choices.

Some happily carried home such things as a Hitachi 19" color TV or a complete set of china; others gained a Sony stereo system or Nu-tone deluxe paddle fan with a Tiffany light below. One lady proudly carried to her table a magnificent hand made two foot high ceramic vase delicately painted in black and gold and finished off with a beautiful arrangement of silk flowers, handiworks of Babyland nurse-practitioner Soledad Alston.

Two lovely Tiffany lamps, hand made by Brenric Studio, also delighted winners as did others too numerous to mention, making the choices difficult indeed. But since the evening was a fund-raiser people

were encouraged to spend money — take a chance on them all.

Grand prize for the evening was a Hitachi 45" rear projection television won by Chery Moners of Hillside. Second prize winner Reginald Morrison of Irvington elatedly took home with him a Hitachi VHS video recorder player, while the third prize of a \$300 food certificate, good at any Pathmark store, made James McNulty of Weehawken very happy indeed.

It was interesting to notice that in many, many cases the winning voice or hand was accompanied by those of friends sharing an exciting moment together and enjoying the other's good fortune.

One did not have to win to have a good time, for each person there enjoyed the knowledge that the money raised would through education build for the coming generation, a better future from which all would benefit.



Culture and Art

Cherry Blossoms at Branch Brook Park The First Sweet Signs of Spring!

For more than half a century, visitors have flocked to see one of nature's most breathtaking offerings at Branch Brook Park during the month of April. Thousands have experienced the quiet serenity found by strolling under an umbrella of pink and white petals, as their thoughts turn towards the magical realization that spring has just begun, and stretches out invitingly before them. A quarter million people view the blossoms every year, making them the largest tourist attraction in the area.

Branch Brook display greater than Washington, D.C.

Despite a long-running rivalry, Branch Brook Park's display exceeds even the famed cherry blossom display in Washington, D.C.

In 1927, Caroline Bamberger Fuld, impressed with the flowering cherry trees she saw in Washington, D.C., offered to donate 2,000 of the beautiful trees to the Essex County Park System. As she hoped, the display was to become one of the most noteworthy features of New Jersey. The current collection of over 2,700 trees are mostly replacements of the original gift, as the average tree's lifespan is only about 40 years.

Gifts of Life and Beauty

Mrs. Fuld's donation came at a time when landscapers were planning to beautify the ravine of the Second River in Branch Brook Park. Having 2,000 cherry trees in 28 varieties to work with provided the landscape architects the opportunity to create a

fairlyland along the winding river. Since the original gift of 2,050 trees, the Essex County Department of Parks has added about 1,600 trees to Branch Brook Park.

Single blossoms last 6-8 days in good weather. Prunus Pendula, or weeping variety, blooms between singles and doubles. Doubles bloom 10-14 days after singles, and the total display lasts about three weeks. Sometimes they unpredictably all bloom at once and are spectacular!

The entire collection of cherry trees is maintained by the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs. In a typical year, 850 man hours are spent on clipping, pruning and removal of dead trees, and another 900 man hours can go towards planting, staking, wrapping and watering new trees.

Oriental cherry trees are very susceptible to leaf-eating insects and various diseases. Broken branches and trunks caused by winds, snow and ice storms, and fungus infections that follow these natural events usually limit the life expectancy of these trees to 20 to 35 years. Vandals also destroy or steal a number of newly-planted trees each year.

Gifts for new Trees welcomed

Donations for new cherry trees have always been gratefully accepted by the County. Gifts of this nature may be directed to the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs at 115 Clifton Avenue, Newark, 07104, (201) 482-6400.



CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL. Overall view of some of the many cherry blossoms in Branch Brook Park near the Belleville line. It is said we have a more colorful display than Washington, D.C.

Cherry Blossom Photo Contest To Draw Attention to Park's Beauty

All amateur photographers are eligible to enter the second Cherry Blossom Photo Contest sponsored by the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

The contest is designed to promote and draw attention to one of the world's finest cherry blossom displays in Branch Brook Park in Newark and Belleville. "Each year, a half million visit the cherry blossoms in Branch Brook Park in April," said William C. Scalzo, director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs. "Since most of these visitors take photographs, we organized a contest so the best photographers will receive some recognition." All entries must be of the Cherry Blossoms in Branch Brook Park. People, animals and unrelated objects may be in the photo.

Gift certificates for area camera shops will be awarded to the top three winners in both the color and black-and-white categories. First place winners receive \$75 gift certificates, second place get \$50 gift certificates and third place get \$25 gift certificates. Honorable mention certificates will also be awarded.

Deadline for entry is **May 25, 1984** and all photographs judged honorable mention or better will be displayed in June. The awards ceremony takes place on June 8 from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Parks Administration Building, 115 Clifton Avenue, Newark, N.J. The public is welcome and refreshments will be served.

There is a \$5 registration fee per photographer. For an entry form and contest rules, call 201-482-6400, ext. 237 between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Poho The Clown At Newark Public Library

Poho the Clown and his circus show will appear at the Newark Public Library on Saturday, May 19, 1984 at 2:00 pm in the auditorium, 4th floor.

The live show, offered free of charge, includes comedy, magic and juggling by Poho and features Tiny, the amazing circus dog. Poho is a new and different kind of circus clown; a comedian and buffoon who, in his own special way, manages to be wise. Poho's enthusiastic performances feature a wide range of children's circus and variety entertainment: comedy magic, astounding juggling, very showy balloon twisting, and lots of music. Of course, Tiny, the remarkable circus dog, is the smash hit of each show.

POHO, played by Harry Corty, has been a professional clown for more than two decades. He has appeared on numerous children's T.V. shows, in many Broadway productions, and

even with the New York City and Metropolitan Opera Companies.

This program is one in a series of children's events sponsored by the Library's Children's Department. Funding for all children's programs at the Newark Public Library is provided by the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

Seating for the program is on a first come basis. For more information, call the Library at (201) 733-7800.

"You cannot push anyone up the ladder unless he is willing to climb himself."

—Andrew Carnegie



"BLAZERS JOIN FORCE" Two new Blazer wagons joined the New Community Security force to afford more mobility. Proudly displaying them are Security Sgt. John Jackson with Officer Dwayne Freeman in center of photo, and Sgt. John Newby on the extreme right.

Tips On Health

This section will be devoted to questions and answers on health. Please mail your questions to the **New Community Clarion**, 755 South Orange Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07106.



Soledad Alston
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Pediatric
Nurse
Practitioner

Q. Please write something about poison ivy.

A. A very timely question since these coming months are usually the time people get into trouble with poison ivy. Here is a picture of the common poison ivy plant. As shown, its leaves always consist of 3 leaflets which are very shiny. It grows as a small plant, a vine or a shrub everywhere in the USA except in California. It bears greenish white flowers and berries in clusters.

It is important to be able to identify the plant so as to avoid contact with it. However, if contact is made accidentally, you should discard your contaminated clothes and wash the exposed areas of the body thoroughly with soap and water.

Unfortunately, one usually

discovers that contact was made **after** the symptoms appear, namely, itching, rash, swelling, burning sensation and even blisters. Headache and fever sometimes develop and the person could become very ill. In such cases, medical attention should be sought immediately.

If the symptoms are mild, like it-



Common Poison Ivy
(*Rhus Radicans*)

ching, it is usually enough to use calamine lotion after washing thoroughly with soap and water, particularly one's hands, since the poison can actually be spread to other parts of the body by one's own hand.

It is not uncommon for some people not to show any allergic reactions after several contacts with the plant and then develop a sensitivity to it later. So it is best to avoid the plant altogether.

Soledad Alston

Essex County Celebrates May As National Physical Fitness Month

The Essex County Task Force on Physical Fitness and the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs observes May as National Physical Fitness Month with a spate of activity that any athlete will envy.

Essex County Executive Peter Shapiro will proclaim May as Physical Fitness Month in Essex County at the opening ceremony for the newly constructed Fitness Court in Branch Brook Park in Newark across from Clara Maass Hospital. The Fitness Court is a joint project of Clara Maass Medical Center and the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs. The 10 a.m. opening ceremony takes place on Saturday, May 5. The Fitness Court was made possible through grants from the Schering-Plough Foundation and Wells Fargo Bank.

The Fitness Court, compact and versatile, is designed to augment walking, jogging, cycling and to provide a diversified and conditioning exercise routine at 16 outdoor stations. Whether you are concentrating on conditioning, cardiovascular fitness, weight loss or sports enhancement, the court is open for everyone of all ages and in all kinds of shape to entice them into a healthy lifestyle. The uses of the Fitness Court are illustrated and explained at each fitness station. Essex County also has fitness courses in Weequahic, Brookdale, Verona, Branch Brook and Glenfield Parks.

Wellness Day, co-sponsored by the County Task Force and the American Council for Healthful Living, will be held in Newark on May 19 and is a combined health fair with fitness activities. For further information, call 678-9176.

On May 20, the Task Force sponsors its First Annual Fitness Carnival at the Orange YWCA, 395 Main Street, between 12 and 4 p.m. The Carnival, a great place to learn about fitness and health through games, activities, demonstrations and swimming, is an ideal way for the family to spend a Sunday afternoon. Call 672-9500 for additional information concerning the Fitness Carnival.

Senior Olympics '84, to be held at the West Orange YM-YWHA, 760 Northfield Avenue, is an all-day event for which older adults are encouraged to come out and participate in such events as tennis, handball/racquetball, basketball, swimming and such track events as a one-mile walk, a half-mile run, a mile run, a five-kilometer run and a five-kilometer bike race. For further information concerning Senior Olympics, call 736-3200.

The Fitness Unit of the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs will be giving special classes to help participants prepare for the Senior Olympics. In addition, there will be fitness and health demonstrations throughout the county in May. For more information on these and all fitness activities, call 482-6400.

Toe Nails Require Special Care

Submitted by Dr. K.L. Frank

Toenail conditions are among the most common foot complaints.

Ingrown Toenail

Ingrown toenail is the most common nail complaint. Any of the nails could be affected but it occurs most often on the great toe. Due to improper cutting, short or narrow shoes, foot imbalance, etc., the nail plate may curve causing the edge to press and cut into the tissues. Should the skin be broken, bacteria may enter and a painful, infected ingrown toenail results. This may be further complicated by "proud flesh" — a free-bleeding mass, with pus, that forms in the nail groove. This condition usually requires repeated treatment by the podiatrist to insure complete recovery.

Despite some advertising claims there is no drug which will cause nails to grow out straight. Moreover, the severer and more neglected ingrown toenails will require surgery for permanent correction. Modern research has given the profession many methods to care for the milder kinds of ingrown toenails.

Callused Nail Groove

All painful nails are not necessarily ingrown. Often nail pressure causes callus in the nail groove. Sometimes the pressure is so localized that a very painful pin-point corn may form. Cutting out a V-shaped area at the tip of the nail will not cure the condition nor will dangerous digging at the side of the toe correct the situation. Planned, repeated treatment by your podiatrist is the answer to this persistent foot complaint.

Herpes/AIDS Seminar

As a result of overwhelming interest, a Herpes and AIDS Seminar will be presented by NCC Social Services, in cooperation with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey Infection Control Division. The guest speaker will be Ms. Lenore Gordon, Educator for Infection Control.

The Seminar will be held on Saturday May 12, 1984, at 10:00 a.m., at the Social Services Pavillion, located at 220 Bruce Street, Newark. Everyone is invited. There is no charge to attend. A large turn out is expected!

Because of the vast number of residents that New Community has, it is anticipated that the information presented will be of great value, as a precautionary measure.

Thickened Nails

Ugly, large, thickened nails are primarily caused by injury — stubbing the toes or dropping an object on them. If the accident is severe enough to permanently alter the nail root or damage the bed, on which the nail rests, a normal nail plate will not develop. Meticulous, periodic treatment by the podiatrist will make these nails look presentable and keep

Dr. Kenneth
Frank

Podiatrist



them from becoming painful. Often surgery for permanent removal of the nail is best. Skin conditions such as fungus or psoriasis as well as several general bodily diseases will also cause nails to thicken.

Fungus Nails

Many skin conditions can spread to the nails — of which fungus is probably the most common. Nails which lift away from the bed, show white or brown streaks or thicken should be seen by a podiatrist for proper diagnosis and treatment. Once a diagnosis of fungus is established (this may require laboratory cultures) a good nail can be assured by conscientious patient-doctor cooperation. Nails are slow growing tissue. Seven months to one year are often necessary to produce a normal appearing nail or surgical removal may be indicated.

Nail Bed Conditions

Injury often causes blood or serum to collect between the nail and its bed. These injuries should receive professional treatment by a podiatrist. In this manner an ulcer, sinus or infection may be avoided.

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Commons Families Tenant Organization

On April 11, 1984, NC Commons Families held their monthly meeting. By-laws for the newly formed Tenant Organization were read and accepted. Copies will be available at the next meeting on May 9, 1984.

Support your local Tenant Organization, become a member of the NC Commons Families Tenant Organization (C.F.T.O.); membership fee is \$1.00. Come, join our drive.

A special thanks to Mrs. Phyllis Holloway for her delicious refreshments.

Reminder: Monthly meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

SEE YOU THERE!!



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR. At recent meeting of the NC Commons Family Tenants the officers gathered around for some refreshments. Left to right are, Delores Collier, Vice-President; Lydia Torres, Secretary; Roberta Singletary, President; Thelma Price, Treasurer; Jean Hampton, Co-captain; Phyllis Holloway, Captain, with her son Rashad; and Deanna Thomas Assistant Treasurer.

A READER'S OPINION

The Value of Physical Education and Recreation

In today's fast paced, high tech, high powered economy, the value of commodities, goods, and services offered by entrepreneurs, and other business professionals, fluctuates with the rise and fall of the (GNP) Gross National Product. If we were to examine our Educational System we would also see that the value of a decent education in recent years is on a continual upward climb. College administrators, local school board presidents, teachers, parents and others who have an active interest in academics are very much concerned about how our children are going to be able to obtain a quality education at an affordable price in the future.

America, once the world leader in providing quality education for its youngsters has quickly fallen behind other world powers in providing scholars in abundance. This lack of scholars can be directly associated with our federal, state, and local government's neglect of our public and private institutions. When most local governments have a budget crunch they immediately look for areas to trim "fat", and the first place that is usually chosen is our educational system. Within that system the area most adversely affected is our children's athletic department, including intramurals and varsity sports. It is often first to be cut financially and when it comes time to eliminate an area, athletics usually heads the list. More over, the general public's view of physical education is that of a bunch of kids running around the playground. "How can that behavior be of any redeemable value educationally?" is the premise.

By taking this route we save money in the interim but our children pay for such insensitivity in the long run because their social, emotional, educational, psychological and physical growth is retarded.

Dr. Tom Tutko, a professor of psychology at San Jose State University in California, and nationally recognized as a pioneer in the area of sports psychology states, "I firmly believe that no area provides greater

POTENTIAL development than participation in sports and physical activity." This would seem an overwhelmingly strong statement considering that physical education is usually seen at the bottom of the academic list.

Most people including people in the field, fail to realize that physical education is really education of the whole student. There is complete involvement of the individual physically, socially and psychologically. No other subject area provides education in all three areas vital to growth and development, yet it is ironical that physical education is put on the back burner, treated as if it has no place in the system.

For years recreation has been an outlet for millions of young Americans. As a nation we pride ourselves on our athletic accomplishments and are seen as world

"The direction in which education starts a person will determine their future."

—Plato

leaders in various sports; but this could never have been achieved without having quality recreational programs provided for our youngsters in abundance.

Recreation for many inner-city youngsters has a very important place in their daily lives. Without positive recreational opportunities, many of our youngsters resort to negative activities as a result of having too much idle time. This negative activity can take the form of vandalism, robbery, preying on seniors, and breaking and entering, crimes which can and usually do lead to crimes of a much more serious nature and consequence.

Quality recreational programs provide youngsters with the opportunity to learn the give and take of social settings. They learn how to deal with emotions of joy, anger, sadness, grief and pain. They learn respect for

others, discipline, pride; but above all they begin to develop a total picture of what is necessary to become winners in life.

As Coordinator of Youth Services for New Community, I can say that NCC is committed to seeing that our children are provided with quality physical, cultural and recreational opportunities. But even we must try to do more. I know that the board is working very diligently on the plans for the construction of our neighborhood youth center, which would serve as the hub of youth life in the community. This center, along with an outdoor playing field, would expand the recreational opportunities that we could provide our children with tremendously. Having a center like this can only help to increase our youngsters' community pride and self respect.

We can ill afford to go on neglecting our youngsters' educational as well as physical and recreational development. Since the city itself does little if nothing to provide recreational opportunities to our youngsters, it is up to the Board of NCC, parents and concerned citizens in New Community and in communities like ours across the nation, to take the bull by the horns and do whatever it takes to develop as many quality recreational programs as possible for our children.

Just like "a mind is a terrible thing to waste," so is a human body. Developing both of these entities to the fullest offers the best opportunity to produce happy, healthy, well adjusted young men and women. We have already paid a dear price for many of our youngsters who have gone astray as a result of having "nothing else to do." The great Greek philosopher and scientist Plato once said, "the direction in which education starts a man will determine his future." The bottom line is — we can pay for quality physical education and recreation now, or pay for the disastrous negative sociological results caused by the lack of it in years to come.

Paul Reid, Jr.

NC Roseville Report

NC Roseville's Good Neighbor Club celebrated its second anniversary, April 13, 1984. At the festivities to provide some entertainment was the St. James A.M.E. Children's Choir. Our own Mrs. Maggie Ramsey, who leads the NC Roseville Choir, sang a beautiful solo while accompanying herself on the piano.

Also attending were other New Community Seniors, Mrs. Phyllis Burton from 180, and Mr. James from 265 Garden Towers.

Highlight of the evening was when the elder club members were honored. Receiving recognition were Edyth King, 80, and her husband of 60 years, Cazzie King, who died in 1983 at age 87, also John Palmore, 85, George Thompson, 80, Joseph Keenan, 85, Mary Boice, 80 and Estelle Richards, 82, who passed on in 1983.

Elizabeth Baldwin, mistress of ceremonies, handled the program nicely.

Roseville would also like to welcome new security guards, Ms. Sheila White, Mr. Lee Jones, Mr. James Fultz and Ms. Roslyn Holmes.

A fine job was done recently by two Roseville Tenants, Mrs. Laura Merrill and Mrs. Thelma Lamply. These two women volunteered their time and effort without being asked, to rake up papers, etc., to clean up N.C. Roseville's front lawn in preparation for the beautiful Easter Sunday we had on April 22.

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Month of the Young Child



KICKOFF FOR MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD. At recent celebration held in the Rotunda of Newark City Hall were, left to right, Rosa S. Langston, Director, Office of Children, Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson, Dulce Angeles, Chairperson, Month of Young Child. Sister Marie Infanta Gonzales, OSP Education Consultant for Babyland Nursery, Councilman Donald Tucker, and Dennis G. Cherot, Director Department of Health and Welfare.

On April 25th the Kindergarten class of Babyland III participated in a multi-cultural program which was held at Symphony Hall in celebration of the "Month of the Young Child."

Day care centers throughout the City of Newark depicted various cultures around the world. This included games, songs and dances of American, European, Latin America, African and Far Eastern cultures.

Babyland III represented Japan and the children looked authentic as they appeared on stage all anxious and excited in Japanese kimonos, flowers, fans and parasols.

The children had this to say:

Antaya McCray, age 4

"I love dressing up like Japanese with the pretty flower in my hair, my umbrella and looking all pretty."

Jevon Evans, age 5

"I was glad my mommy and my two grandmothers came to see me dance on the stage. My mommy took many pictures of me in my nice costume."

Jabez Gatson, age 5

"I had a good time; the only thing I couldn't see the people because the umbrellas were in my way."

Renee Johnson, age 5

"I had lots of fun singing on the stage but most of all I love my costume."

Tasha Horn, age 4

"I could not wait to get on the stage to perform. I was sorry my mommy was not there to see me."

Joy Jackson, age 6

"I was happy to be on the stage singing and looking all pretty. I also enjoyed seeing the other children perform. I wish I could have stayed longer."

Vivian Sommerville, age 5

"I really enjoyed being on the stage. I was sorry when it was all over."

Brandon Reeves, age 5

"I don't want to go back to Babyland yet. I want to go back on the stage and dance some more."

John Dickerson, age 4

"I was really glad my mommy came. I was looking for her when I was on the stage but I couldn't find her."

The parents were filled with pride as they took pictures of their little ones who contributed a splendid performance of a song and dance entitled "Parasol and Fan."



SHY YOUNG LADIES. All dressed in Japanese kimonos with fans Jenelle Hazel, Joi Johnson and Vivian Sommerville give out with a great performance.



ON STAGE. Youngsters from Babyland II dressed in the flavor of Japan which they represented on the Symphony Hall stage are left to right, top row, Tasha Horn, Joy Johnson and Antaya McCray. Front row, Vivian Sommerville, John Dickerson, Jabez Gatson, Jevon Evans, Brandon Reeves and Jenelle Hazel.

May Schedule of Family Activities

Recently Virginia Scott, of NCC Social Services was reassigned to work with families. The following is a list of programs for families.*

Saturday, May 5th - Health Fair - 11 AM - 4 PM

Free health screening - including anemia - vision - blood pressure - glaucoma - sickle cell - breast exam - oral cancer - hearing and more.

Friday, May 4th, 11th, 25th

Ceramics - 7:00 PM

Every Friday night for 10 weeks. Learn to make beautiful items for your home or as gifts. Lessons are free. Mrs. Marion Coleman, NC Commons resident has volunteered to teach classes.

Wednesday, May 16th Family Advisory Board -

An advisory board for families has been established. Residents from each complex are represented on this board.

The purpose of this board is to provide an avenue for family residents to have meaningful input in the NCC planning process and make recommendations for change.

The board meets once a month at 220 Bruce Street (Social Services building.)

Friday, May 18th - Pot Luck

Dinner - 7:00 PM

The NCC Family Advisory Board will be sponsoring its first affair which will be a dinner. Family residents are asked to donate a dish to assist in making this affair a success.

Monday, May 21st -

Theater Club Meeting - 6:30 PM

The 1st meeting of the theater club will take place on the above mentioned date at Gardens Family Pavillion.

The purpose of this club is to provide leisure activities and cultural enrichment that is favorable to residents, as a result of their direct input. Further, it will assist in fundraising for trips. Everyone is invited to join.

Tuesday, May 22nd - Sewing Class 7:00 PM

Instruction in various sewing techniques will be made available each week on Tuesday evenings at the Gardens Family Pavillion. Ms. JoAnn Edwards, NCC Social Service employee has volunteered to teach classes.

*If you are interested in any of these programs, or would like more information please call Social Services at 623-6114.

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The Child and Creative Expression

In creative play, children are encouraged to move freely, make choices, and use their imaginations. As long as they show consideration for other people and things and do not endanger themselves, they do not always have to conform. We should applaud originality and give positive reinforcement where independence of action is concerned.

By providing opportunities for creative expression, we can help children to develop habits of creativity that will serve them throughout their lives. We are told that even if people have no natural talent for various artistic skills as we know them, creativity is needed for new

ideas, new approaches to life, and for ventures into the unknown. Actually, **human progress depends on the fact that some people have the ability to think and act creatively.** An individual's freedom to express his or her own feelings and emotions will facilitate this type of thinking. It has been said that some people have suppressed their feelings to such an extent that very often they find the need to retrain themselves before these feelings can be recognized. If we are not able to recognize our own feelings, we will find it difficult to recognize feelings in others and to help our children learn to express some of these feelings through the creative arts.



FILLING THEIR EASTER BASKETS. Tiffany Barratt, Ira Gilmore Lenora Carr, Lamont Harris, (holding a stuffed easter bunny) and Dedek Boyd fill up their baskets with some colored eggs and candy at recent party at Babyland I.

At Babyland II

We at Babyland II prepared for and eagerly awaited the Easter Festivities. The highlighted events were the "Easter Pinata" and "Easter Egg Hunt." Afterwards, there was a small party for children and parents attending.

During April some of the daily day care children were reassigned to another Babyland facility in order to accommodate the increased number of Protective Services and Shelter clients. We will miss their smiling faces.

In the month of May we look forward to several planned activities which include:

*the **Planting of a Flower Bed**, (to be located in front of Babyland II)

***Our First Field Trip**

The children will be observing the seasonal growth of plants and flowers. Since May is a month of warmer temperatures we will still be in the process of welcoming the Spring Season.

Darlene Wood, Head Teacher
Babyland II Staff

Fire Safety Task Force Meets

On April 6, 1984, Sister Marie Infanta Gonzales hosted the monthly meeting of the Newark Fire Safety Task Force. The meeting was held in the Linder Room at Babyland III.

The goal of the task force is to teach fire safety to young children, utilizing the Sesame Street Fire Safety Project which mixes learning and fun.

Presently, plans are being made for the Second Annual Sesame Street Fire Safety Festival. Activities will include Fire Safety events such as "Stop, Drop and Roll" which is used **when a child's clothes are on fire**, learning about the Fire-fighter and his equipment, and many forms of entertainment.

The Task Force is made up of The Newark Fire Department, Child Care Programs, Community Organizations, and interested parents.

Chairperson **Ronald Ballew** says "This is a positive community effort in terms of bringing the fire message to the young people in our community."

At this point the Task Force has reached over 2,000 young people, one of the vehicles being the Sesame Street Fire Safety Resource Book.

For more information please contact:

The Newark Fire Safety Task Force
P.O. Box 6349
Newark, New Jersey 07106

Correction

Last month's Clarion mistakenly identifies the picture of the Newark Fire Safety Task Force as the Week of The Young Child Planning Committee.

The creative experiences, which are provided in our Babyland program, are geared toward helping our children to feel free enough and independent enough to enable them to allow their own ideas, emotions, and feelings to influence their actions.

Some characteristics of the creative child are as follows:

- The creative child sees a variety of uses for one thing.** For example some see a glass as used only for drinking. A creative child may suggest a variety of uses. Remember, as long as he shows consideration for other people and the object involved, and does not endanger himself, he does not always have to conform as regards the primary use of the object.
- The creative child has his own sense of time and his own schedule.**
- The creative child is known to be impulsive and cock sure.** Very often he is misinterpreted and seems to be challenging authority figures.
- The creative child is stubborn.** This condition manifests itself particularly when he is boxed in stereotype situations in which he

is cognizant of other possibilities.

- The creative child is attracted to strangers.** He is interested in exploring the new, and he has an outgoing personality.
- The creative child is comfortable with a relative amount of disorder.**
- The creative child can tolerate ambiguity.** He is capable of being understood in two or more possible senses. When something is conveyed unintentionally, the creative child can cope with the situation. How many times do we hear "But Mom, I didn't mean it that way."

One important point to remember in dealing with the creative child is the fact that we must provide lots of opportunities for reformation of ideas. It isn't likely that he will execute them as originally presented. He must have space. He must be free to explore. Opportunities for emotional expression through crafts, music, words, and "body language," should be provided for all.

NEXT: Art in the Nursery-Preschool Program

Sister Marie Infanta Gonzales, OSP
Education Consultant

A NEW START

How many times have we said: "If only I could live my life over again, I would do things differently?" "If only I could have another chance." "If only I could have a new start."

Most of us would like to undo the wrong we have done, to avoid the mistakes we have made, and to do things right and differently. We would like a new start in life. Some of us never get that start. We just continue along the same path with the same goals in view leading to the same ends.

Others of us do get that new start. We change our values, principles, objectives, goals, associations, habits, outlook on life, attitudes, and deeds, and a new life evolves from within, from deep resources in the soul.

The Prodigal Son's mind was centered on pleasure and eventually he landed in a swine pasture. Having the good sense to realize his folly, he changed his mind and went home where he was well received and rewarded by his forgiving father, and given a new start.

Many a confined miscreant regretted his misdeeds and supplicated for another chance in life. Many very sick people have prayed to get well and have another chance to have good health. Many a spouse and lover have regretted unkind words spoken and separation that resulted.

A common area where the adversely affected sought another chance was where sin and guilt complex were involved. Sin and guilt complex affects the mind, emotions, and normal functioning of the body organs, and have been known to drive those afflicted to alcoholism, drug addiction, eccentricity, insanity, and hypertension. Some sufferers turned to agencies and programs for relief if only temporary, while others received treatment for mental disorders.

The ancient Greeks had a ritual for cleansing sin. A bull would be killed and its blood drained into a tub. The sinner would be let down into the tub and bathed in the bull's blood. When he emerged, he was thought to have been cleansed of his past sins, thus supposedly he was given a new start in life, free of all past sins. The ritual was called "taurobolium."

There is no "taurobolium" prerequisite to a new start in our lives. We must alter our *interior* attitudes toward life for our whole outlook on life to be altered.

"Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." Romans 12:2

The thief on the cross at the side of Christ changed in the last minute of his life when he acknowledged Christ as the Son of God, and said: "Lord, remember me when thou cometh into Thy Kingdom." Luke 24:42. The Lord forgave him, gave him a new start by promising him: "...today thou shalt be with Me in paradise..." Luke 24:43.

We must not like Lot's wife look back over the pillories of the old ways, but like Job endure and keep faith. We must, as Paul did, believe: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: all old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." II Corinthians 5:17.

To have a meaningful, lasting new start we must first open the door of our lives, minds, hearts, and soul to Christ, who promises: "behold I stand at your door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open his door, I will come in to him..." Revelations 3:20. Then, and only then, may be have a true new start.

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